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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Armed Volkspolizei Units Unloaded in Gransee

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT

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13 June 1952

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Railroad personnel in Eberswalde stated that, on 26 and 27 May 1952, armed Volkspolizei (VP) units were detrained in Gransee. The loading area was placed off limits, with even railroad personnel denied access. [redacted] that VP personnel unloaded small wooden boxes which they believed contained ammunition. They had been loaded on boxcars. 50X1-HUM

2. Residents stated that during the night of 26 May, trucks hauled away large quantities of unidentified weapons in Gransee. *

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* Comment. The arrival of VP units was preceded by railroad shipments of weapons and ammunition during the period from 8 to 17 May. Four trains were observed which were composed of 116 boxcars, 3 express train coaches and 3 flatcars with sideracks. [redacted] No Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) was previously reported stationed near Gransee. In conjunction with the reinforcement of the VP cadre units, it appears possible that either a new VPD was established in the area of Gransee or an already existing VPD was transferred there. As no detailed information is available on the strength of the VP units arrived there, it cannot be determined whether a supply office or a troop unit is concerned.

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